UNITED NATIONS **S**

Security Council

Distr.
GENERAL

S/26205
2 August 1993
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: RUSSIAN

LETTER DATED 30 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that Armenian troops, following their occupation of the city of Agdam, are continuing efforts to consolidate the positions they have seized. They have captured all the dominating heights around the city. According to reports received by the Ministry of Defence of Azerbaijan, Armenian snipers and machine-gunners have also taken up positions in tall buildings in the city, including in the minarets of the Agdam mosque.

In addition to seizing control of the city, Armenian subunits are attempting to advance along roads deep inside the Azerbaijani Republic, in the direction of the towns of Barda and Agjabedi. In the evening of 29 July, a force of four tanks, two armoured vehicles and as many as 300 soldiers attacked positions of the Azerbaijani army in these areas. The attack was repulsed after a two-hour battle.

For the last three days inhabited settlements in the Kazakh district of Azerbaijan have been subjected to shelling from Armenian territory. During the night of 29 July there was sporadic firing on the village of Tatly in the Akstafa district of Azerbaijan from tanks and machine-guns in the area of the Paravakar frontier base, situated in the Berd district of Armenia.

In the light of the adoption, on 29 July 1993, of Security Council resolution 853 (1993), in which the Council "demands the immediate cessation of all hostilities and the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of the occupying forces involved from the district of Agdam and all other recently occupied areas of the Azerbaijani Republic", I ask you to take appropriate measures to ensure compliance by the Republic of Armenia with the provisions of resolution 853 (1993).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan A. HASSANOV
Ambassador
Permanent Representative